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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM LEIGH AND ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

REF: SECTO 10127

1. OUR IMMEDIATE AND PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE SHOULD SEEK TO PROCEED ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN PARA 3 REFTEL. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD RECOMMEND CONVERTING PRESENT TRILATERAL AGREEMENT INTO TWO MATCHING BILATERAL AGREEMENTS, ELIMINATING TO EXTENT POSSIBLE REFERNCE TO ISRAEL IN EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT AND EGYPT IN ISRAELI AGREEMENT. THESE ARE THE DOCUMENTS WHICH WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS FOR ITS APPROVAL. THEY WOULD BE LINKED TO EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT THROUGH GENERAL REFERENCE TO THE US ROLE IN THE WARNING SYSTEM IN ANNEX TO THAT AGREEMENT. WE WILL BE WORKING ON SPECIFIC LANGUAGE TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOREGOING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION WHEN YOU RETURN.

2. WE ARE SENDING YOU BY SEPTTEL REVISED DRAFT TRILATERAL AGREEMENT INCORPORATING GUIDANCE YOU GAVE US BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE. IN ABSENCE OF FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, WE WILL USE THIS AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELI TECHNICAL TEAM WEDNESDAY MORNING. WHATEVER SOLUTION WE FIND FOR SADAT'S PROBLEM, WE WILL IN ANY CASE NEED TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH ISRAELIS ON SUBSTANCE OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR US ROLE IN WARNING SYSTEM, AND THEREFORE

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FEEL WE SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELIS HERE AT

TECHNICAL LEVEL ON THIS BASIS. WE WILL, OF COURSE, NOT REPEAT
NOT MENTION PROBLEM RAISED BY SADAT.

3. OUR RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION ABOVE IS BASED ON FOLLOWING
ASSUMPTIONS: (A) SADAT'S PROBLEM IS BASICALLY A COSMETIC ONE --
I.E., HE DOES NOT OBJECT TO THE CONCEPT WE ARE PROPOSING FOR
U.S. ROLE BUT RATHER TO INCORPORATING THAT CONCEPT IN A COMMON
TRILATERAL DOCUMENT; (B) IF WE CAN CONVINCE ISRAELIS THAT THEY
ARE GETTING THE SUBSTANCE OF WHAT THEY WANT, THEY CAN BE
PERSUADED TO GO ALONG WITH COSMETICS OF PARALLEL BILATERAL
AGREEMENTS; AND (C) WE MUST RETAIN ALL IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE
ELEMENTS OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR OUR ROLE IN WARNING SYSTEM IN THE
DOCUMENT OF DOCUMENTS THAT ARE TO BE SUBMITTED FOR CONGRESS-
IONAL APPROVAL (LATTER CONSIDERATION ARGUES AGAINST ALTERNATIVES
SET FORTH IN PARA 2 REFEL).
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